

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.(currently amended) A method of mitigating the adverse effects of antiviral agents in HIV therapy comprising ~~(1)~~-administering to an HIV-infected subject at least one antiviral agent until HIV is suppressed, ~~(2)~~-discontinuing antiviral therapy, ~~(3)~~ administering a dsRNA, then, when HIV values increase ~~(4)~~-resuming antiviral treatment with the at least one antiviral agent.

2.(currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein step ~~(1)~~-a dsRNA is administered with said antiviral agent.

3.(currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein step ~~(1)~~-HIV values are suppressed to a value below detection.

4.(original) The method of claim 3 wherein the value is less than 50 copies/ml of HIV plasma RNA.

5.(currently amended) The claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein two or more anti-retroviral agents are used.

6.(original) The method of claim 5 wherein the anti-retroviral drug is selected from abacavir, amprenavir, zidovudine, combivir, zalcitabine, lamivudine, didanosine, trizivir, stavudine, lopinavir, efavirenz, nevirapine, indinavir, delavirdine, ritonavir, saquinavir, nelfinavir and tenofovir.

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7.(currently amended) The method of claim 1-~~or~~2 where the dsRNA is rI_n
 $r(C_{12}U)_n$, Poly A Poly U or $rI_n r(C_{29},G)_n$, in which r is ribo and n has a value of 4 to 29.